(b) by when telephone connections are likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The position of prospective subscribers on the waiting list of Allahabad Telephones as on 5-2-1986 is as follows:—

OYT-186 Cleared upto 2-2-1985.

NON-OYT—1717 Cleared upto 23.5.1980 (Gen. & Special)

Special category cleared upto 22-5-84.

(b) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared during 2 to 3 years, subject to availability of equipment, cables and other materials.

Behaviour of Delhi Postal Employees

1443. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of misbehaviour customs have increased in the recent past;

(b) whether Government have received complaints against the staff of the Post Office Patrachar Vidyalaya, Timarpur, Delhi during the last three months;

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(d) whether Government have any plans to impart training to the postal staff for improving their competency and efficiency and also whether there is any plan to weedout the incompetent and inefficient staff in the post offices in the country; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Only one complaint has been received.

(c) Immediate enquiries were made. Suitable action is being taken against the concerned officials.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Postal staff excepting Group "D" officials are given induction training before appointment. Besides intensive induction training for 2-1|2 months at the Regional Postal Training Centres. Postal Assistants are also given Refresher training on the completion of 6 to 9 years of service. These training programmes aim at improving the effiency and competency of postal officials.

Provision exists for review of the performance of officials|officers who attain the age of 50|55 years and on the basis of this review incompetent and inefficient officials|officers are retired from the service.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिंगरौली क्षेत्र की विकास योजना

1444. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय** : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में सिंगरौली क्षेत्र की विकास योजना तैयार कर ली गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त योजना पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाएगी; और

(ग) सिंगरौली की विकास योजना को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए प्रशासनिक ढांचा क्या होगा ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1974 में बनाए गए मास्टर प्लान की शर्तों के अनुसार सिंग रौली कोयला क्षेत्र का विकास कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है । इस प्लान के अनुसार इस क्षेत्र में 10 मुख्य कोयला खानों का विकास किया जाना है । इनमें से 8 परियोजनाओं के विकास का अनुमोदन हो गया है, जिनमें कुल पूंजी निवेश रु0 1568 करोड़ का होगा । नौवीं खान की परियोजना का मूल्यांकन हो रहा है एवं दसवी खान ब्लाक का भू-वज्ञानिक समन्वेषण किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) हाल ही में, सिंगरौरली कोयला क्षेत्र की विकास योजना को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए कोल इण्डिया लि0 के अन्तर्गत एक नई सहायक कम्पनी कर्थात्

नार्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० का गठन किया गया है ।

Automatic Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

1445. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of automatic telephone exchanges functioning in Uttar Pradesh as on 31st December, 1985;

(b) the names of districts where these automatic telephone exchanges are located;

(c) what are the plans of Government to convert manual telephone exchanges into automatic telephone exchanges and to set up new automatic telepnone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the locations thereof; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 720.

(b) These are spread over all the 67 districts of U.P.

(c) and (d) It has been planned to automatise the existing manual telephone exchanges at the following places during Seventh Plan period:-

Banda, Chamoli, Fatehpur, Ghazipur, Hamirpur, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Orai, Pauri, Pithoragarh, Sultanpur, Uttar Kashi, Maunath Bhanjan and Sultanpur (near NOIDA).

It has been planned to set up progressively about 150 small automatic telephone exchanges of size 25 to 50 lines at various places in the State against telephone demands during the 7th Plan.

Completion of Power Projects

1446. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an over run in the time schedule and cost in the completion of power projects undertaken by N.H.P.C.:

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the amount of cost escalation and time escalation: and

(c) whether it is going to affect the pricing of power supply from these plants and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There is an overrun in the time schedules and costs of the Salal, Dulhasti, and Tanakpur projects of National Hydro Electric Power Corporation. The construction work on the Koel Karo project has not started so far.

(b) and (c) The information is given in the enclosed statement.

statement

Name of the project	Time overrun	Cost Escalation (Rs. in crores)	Reasons	Increase in sale rate of power (paise per KWH)
1	2	3	4	5
Salal	About 8 years from the original schedule of commissioning of the first unit in 1975.	435.30	The project construction was started in 1970. NHPC took it over in 1978, when the expected completion schedule of the project was 1987 and the project will be completed accordingly. The over-runs are due to the increases in the scope of work, revision of installed capacity from 270 MW to 345 MW, changes in the design of the pro-	28.87